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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ALIGNMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE GREEN INDUSTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2010) The Board of Trustees of
- 2 the Community-Technical Colleges shall require that green jobs
- 3 certificate and degree programs offered by each of the community-
- 4 technical colleges be uniformly named.
- 5 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2010) The Connecticut
- 6 Employment and Training Commission, in collaboration with the
- 7 Connecticut Energy Sector Partnership, shall annually solicit and
- 8 publicize information concerning efforts made by the institutions of
- 9 higher education in this state to promote the green industry, including
- 10 the development of new academic degree and certificate programs,
- 11 courses of instruction and initiatives made by such institutions to align
- 12 green jobs programs with employer needs.
- 13 Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2010) Each regional vocational-
- 14 technical school and public institution of higher education shall
- 15 develop, in such manner as the Commissioners of Education and
- 16 Higher Education prescribe, agreements to share equipment required
- 17 for students participating in green jobs certificate or degree programs

or enrolled in a course of study concerning green jobs, including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaic installation.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) Public institutions of higher education, in consultation with the regional work force development boards, shall support any efforts to develop career ladders and lattices in the green collar fields, particularly for those workers who gained entry into such fields as a result of funds made available pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2010) The Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall annually prepare and publish on the Department of Higher Education's web site a list of every green jobs course and green jobs certificate and degree program offered by regional vocational-technical schools and public institutions of higher education and an inventory of green jobs related equipment used by such schools and institutions of higher education.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2010) Staff of the Center for Clean Energy Engineering at The University of Connecticut and the Institute of Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University shall meet at least quarterly to discuss possible ways to collaborate on green initiatives. Staff of other public institutions of higher education and centers affiliated with such institutions of higher education that focus on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same geographic regions shall meet to develop collaborative efforts with regard to the green industry.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
sections:				
Section 1	October 1, 2010	New section		
Sec. 2	October 1, 2010	New section		
Sec. 3	October 1, 2010	New section		
Sec. 4	October 1, 2010	New section		
Sec. 5	October 1, 2010	New section		

Sec. 6	October 1, 2010	New section	
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